

Douglas County High School Most Valuable Institution to People of the Great Carson Valley

AT COMMENCEMENT exercises to be held at the high school auditorium tonight, twelve students will receive diplomas of graduation, the ceremonies marking an epoch in the history of the school. At the commencement exercises tonight Governor Emmet D. Boyle will deliver the principal address, Fred Settelmeyer, member of the board of education, will present the members of the class with their diplomas, while other numbers will go to make up the evening's program.

Inasmuch as the people of Douglas County are particularly interested in the welfare and advancement of their highest institution of learning, the exercises tonight will be attended by a big crowd, as has been evidenced on all past occasions similar to the one to be held this evening. The corps of teachers at the high school are exceedingly pleased with the accomplishments of the term about to close, because of the progress that has been made through the studious efforts of the pupils and the interest the different classes have taken in their high school work. It is not only a pleasure to the teachers to witness the graduation of the big class, but it is with extreme satisfaction of the people of Douglas County to learn that the younger generation seek education in the local school, and that the enrollment is constantly increasing.

Some fifteen years ago, the trustees of the Gardnerville district school realized that the community needed a high school, and took the necessary steps to institute a high-school course. From the very beginning the school was attended, not only by children of the district, but by pupils from many parts of the county. This gave rise to the belief that a high school should be financed by the county and not by the people of any particular district, in order to distribute the cost of maintenance more equally among taxpayers. The agitation that was started in this direction gained favor, and the *Record-Courier*, at that time boosted for the new program. A bill was finally introduced in the legislature creating county high schools, where the taxpayers voted for their establishment. At the following election the county high school question was put squarely up to the voters and it carried by an overwhelming majority. The legislative enactment was so worded that the power of selecting the location of the school rested with the county commissioners, and at a meeting of the Douglas County board, held a short time later, the location of the Douglas County high school was voted by them to be established at Genoa, a movement that created great dissatisfaction, owing to the fact that the location was far removed from the center of population and would result in certain failure for the high school. In the meantime, the Gardnerville high school continued to grow, and the county high school was inactive for the next year. Through the efforts of those interested in higher education, the county high school was finally established in Gardnerville, and, owing to objections by heavy taxpayers, the matter of erecting a suitable high school building was not attempted. However, the school was established in the district school building through the cooperation of the local trustees, who were extremely anxious to get the high school started. For several years the county high school was conducted in the district building, and then came the agitation for the removal of the county seat from Genoa to Minden. The circumstances surrounding the court house fight, which finally resulted in its removal from Genoa to Minden, is well known to all, and how, out of the complex situation, Gardnerville dropped her aspirations to become a county seat town, in order to get the high school thoroughly established in a suitable new building. The same legislative act that created Minden as the county seat, with a twenty-five thousand dollar court house, carried a rider for a twenty-five thousand dollar high school building in Gardnerville. The compromise was exceedingly satisfactory to all concerned, and as years go by, conditions make that satisfaction even more greater. That Douglas County has such a splendid high school—one that compares favorably with any similar school in Nevada and not surpassed by any—is an achievement that we may well feel proud of, and that the younger generation are looking to this goal as a stepping stone, either to university work or into the business world, gives splendid evidence of the fact that those in Douglas County who fostered the establishment of county high schools, had a keen vision of future educational requirements.

High school students no longer spend the greater part of their time studying dead languages and other things that would be of very little advantage to them later in life. Out of the old methods have been born a modern way of teaching and the instructions received today by high school students are of the practical kind. At the Douglas County high school the boys are receiving instructions in manual training and agriculture, and as an example of their handiwork, a large workshop has been erected on the high school grounds that is used for their manual training course. In the agricultural branch they are given expert knowledge of this great art, which so many people believe is the easiest vocation on earth, which in reality, is one of the most exacting occupations, and one which requires great skill, if success is to follow. The farmers of today find it necessary to call in a surveyor when a ditch line or a piece of ground is to be laid out. The boys of today are being taught the use of a transit, which, with the other knowledge being gained at the high school, will give them the foundation to become better farmers than were their fathers before them.

The girls attending the high school are schooled in domestic science, and at various times have proven that they are becoming expert in culinary art. During this semester they have made a world of dresses and underclothing through the activity of the Junior Red Cross, their handiwork having been placed on display at various times, resulting in the highest commendation for their endeavors.

It is not to be construed that valuable book learning is being sacrificed for practical instruction, as stated above, for such is not the case. The course of study at the high school meets the requirements of the state and the graduates are admirably equipped to enter the University of Nevada, or, as a matter of fact, the University of California or Stanford, several graduates of the class of '20 having entered both the last-named universities without conditions.

It is not believed that a finer lot of young women or young men can be found in any high school in the state. On the streets and at public gatherings the high school students have the carriage of upright and self-respecting men and wo-

Graduating Class of 1921



Freshman Class



MYRTLE CARPENTER



STANLEY SPRINGMEYER



CLARA E. SCHULER



HAROLD S. IMELLI



THELMA VIVIAN PEDROL



RAYMOND N. ELGES



MYRTLE SORENSON



OTT R. HANSEN



FAURA E. M. NEDDERUD



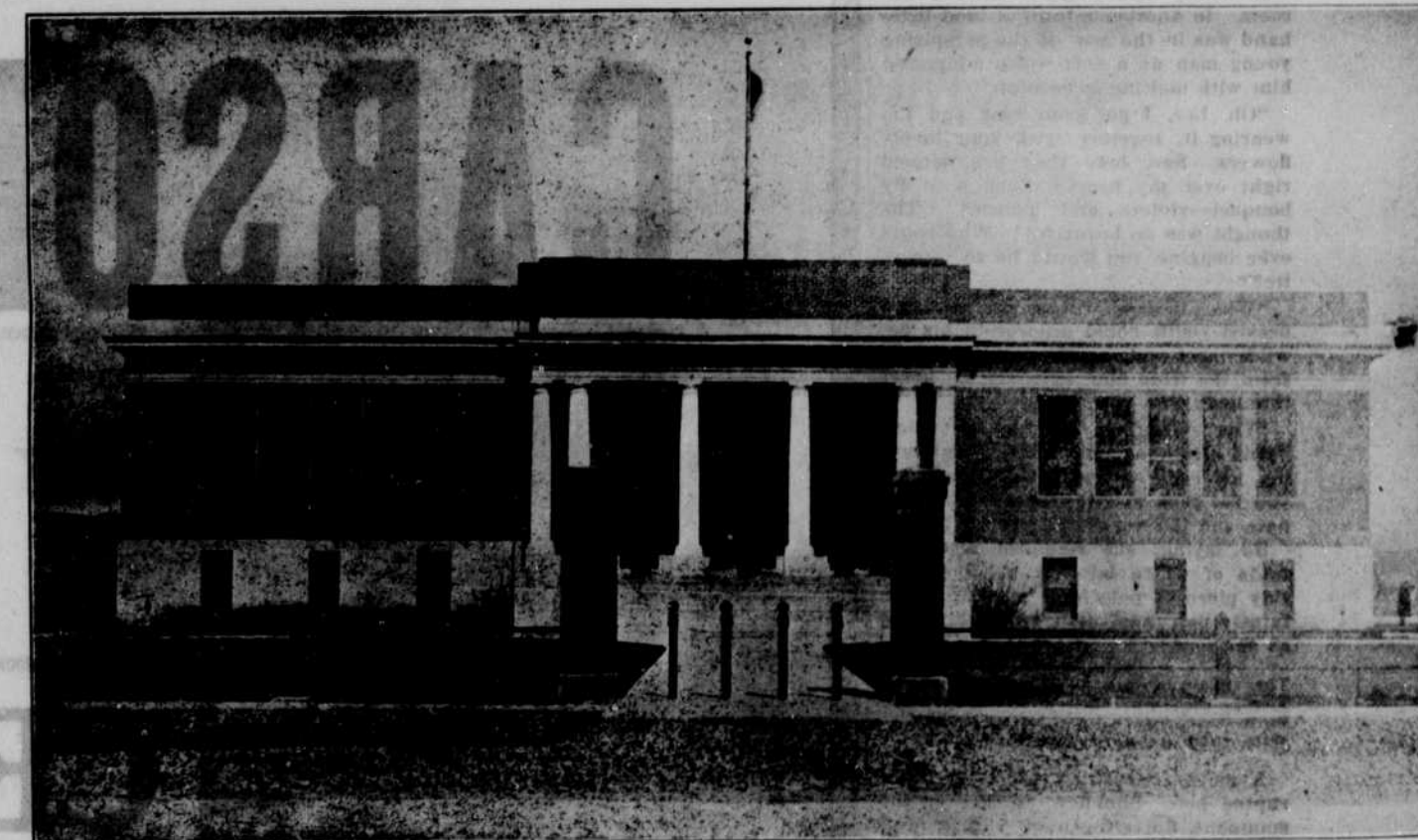
EDWIN WESSHOLD



MAE KRUMES



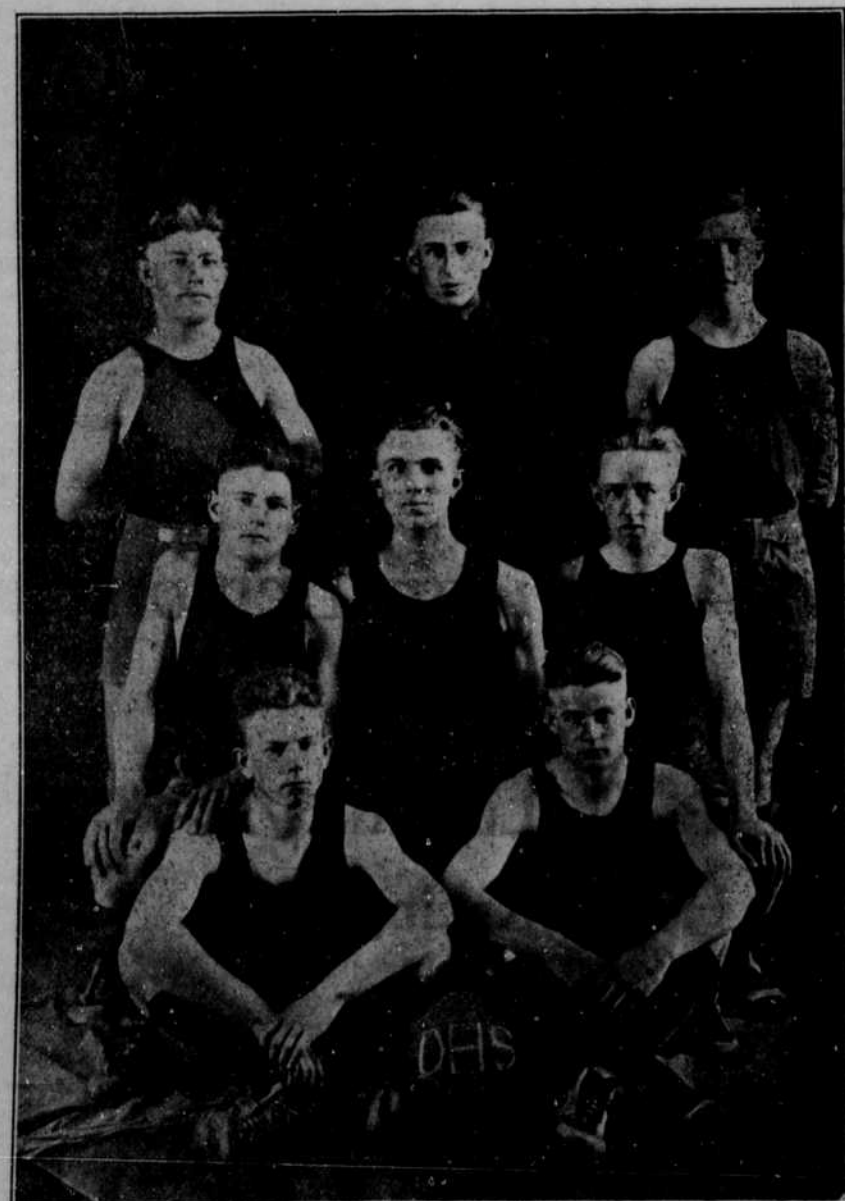
NEWMAN JENSEN



Douglas County High School



Junior Class



Boys' Basketball Team

THERE SA COSTA
English, Spanish, HistoryMARGARET SINCLAIR
English, Greek, Domestic Science

B. M. ALDRICH Principal

MILDRED M. BOYD
Commercial DepartmentC. L. HARGRAVE
Mathematics, Agriculture, Manual Training

Corps of Teachers

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Emma Winkelman
Mabel Schacht
Edith Bull
Josephine Rieman
Mildred Jepsen
Ruth Dangberg
Ada Springmeyer
Rubel Hansen
Cedric Brockliss
Thomas Raycraft
Cecil Stodieck
Alice Bull
Elmer Bruns

JUNIOR CLASS

Howard Dettling
Edward Hoffman
Arnold Trimmer
Arthur Cordes
Alex Glock
Mabel Imelli
Audrey Springmeyer
Grace Brockliss
Angeline Rickey
Sophiène Lampe

DOUGLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR 1921

FRESHMAN CLASS

Theodore Tholke
Arthur Schacht
Lester Meder
Joe Wolverton
Carrol Dressler
Frank Galbraith
George Hellwinkel
Roy Hussman
Elmer Stodieck
Leona Currie
Marvin Sorenson
Elda Rosenbrock
Doris Dangberg
Christine Wilslef
Velma Trimmer
Theresa Glock
Lawrence Settelmeyer



Girls' Basketball Team

men. While it is true they are not grown men and women, they are no longer children, and act the part of grown-ups. The people of Douglas County are exceedingly proud of these students that will, within a comparatively short time be the men and women of tomorrow, and guide the destinies of local affairs, or become the part and parcel of other communities.

The past year at the Douglas County high school has been marked by complete harmony, as a result of the excellent corps of instructors working under the supervision of Principal Benjamin M. Aldrich. Their splendid example has been followed and the lessons inculcated by them have brought about a most desired school spirit and a loyalty that it admired. In fact this same splendid spirit was manifest under the rule of Principal T. S. Hook, who took charge of high school work shortly before the erection of the new building and continued until a year ago. It is also fortunate to have such a competent county board of education, the personnel being made up of Fred Settelmeyer, Wm. Lampe and Mrs. F. Dangberg, who have worked untiringly for the success of the school.

The future outlook for the high school is wonderfully bright, and judging from the large number of pupils that received promotion from the eighth grade of the county district schools at the exercises held last week, indicates the enrollment this fall will exceed any previous year. Of the thirty-one pupils that received promotion, many have already signified their intentions of taking up the high school work when school opens next fall, and inasmuch as parents residing in this community are thoroughly alive to the unexcelled course of study offered by the high school, and are desirous of having their children continue their education, nearly all of the thirty-one eligibles will enter high school at the beginning of the fall term.

Members of the 1921 class are to follow the example set by the previous graduating classes and erect a suitable memorial at the high school. Two years ago the graduates erected the pillars that stand at the entrance to the school grounds. Last year the graduates erected a granite bench facing the cement tennis court, which is suitably inscribed. Both memorials stand as fitting tributes to the school as tokens of esteem and kind recollections of the classes that have passed on to take up the eventful things in life and the busy work-a-day world.

Besides the memorial to be erected, the class of '21 issued a high school annual, covering school activities for the past year. The year-book has found ready sale, and those who have not yet secured one, will be given an opportunity to do so tonight. The books sell for \$1.50 and are well worth the price.

Keen interest in athletics prevailed at the high school during the term, and while the basketball teams did not carry off state championship honors, both the boys' and the girls' teams won recognition as being among the best in the state. The girls' team won more signal victories than did the boys, and all in all, the Douglas high school was well represented in basketball contests held in different parts of the state. The local school cannot win state championships every year, and it is well remembered that the local school a few years ago had the crack basketball team of the entire state, and won the championship from Reno in a game played at Minden, which was probably the most exciting basketball game ever played in Nevada, where high school teams were the contenders. Douglas will again carry off the high honors if determination and school spirit will help the teams to win.